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### Chapter 41: Mixed Accommodation?

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Liu Yan started browsing the many types of B-grade equipment.

There were many types to choose from, including armor, weapons, jewelry, and so on.

They were B-grade equipment, after all, so they were all extremely powerful and could make Liu Yan a little stronger.

However, they were not that crucial.

After a short while, Liu Yan stopped on a pair of gloves.

Unlike the other pieces of equipment that were thick and heavy, this pair of gloves was very thin. It was made of special soft armor, and its power did not seem to be weak at all.

[Soft Blade Gloves]

[Grade: B]

[Effects: Attack + 100. The gloves are thin and soft, suitable for wear. They do not affect movement and are abnormally tough. The wearer may stop all kinds of sharp weapons with bare hands without getting hurt!]

The minute he read the effects of the gloves, he immediately liked them.

The pair of soft blade gloves was just like its name. It was very thin, soft, and thus very comfortable to wear. It would not affect movement, which meant it would not affect Liu Yan's shooting.

At the same time, these gloves would be extremely powerful in close combat. Judging by how they added so many attack attribute points, it was apparent that the effects of the gloves were not to be underestimated. They looked ordinary, but in fact, they were extremely lethal.

"I want this pair of gloves!" Liu Yan confirmed.

After giving the exchange coupon to the counter, he successfully obtained the soft blade gloves.

He then went to the side and used Divine Extraction on them.

A white light enveloped the gloves.

Under Liu Yan's gaze, the originally thin and soft gloves that had a few small blades on the outside became thinner and smoother. Even the small blades on the outside had disappeared.

He hurriedly checked their renewed stats.

[Soft Blade Boxing Gloves]

[Grade: A]

[Effect: Attack +300. The gloves are thin and soft, suitable for wear. They do not affect movement and are abnormally tough. The wearer may stop all kinds of sharp weapons and elemental attacks with bare hands without getting hurt! The outer body of the gloves may seem smooth, but in fact, they are full of small blades that can not be seen by the naked eye. When combined with strong attacks, they are extremely lethal.]

After he finished reading all this, Liu Yan was extremely surprised.

Only now did he understand that the gloves only looked smooth. The small blades hadn't disappeared, they had just become smaller, invisible to the naked eye, and more in numbers.

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Liu Yan used Spirit Vision to carefully examine the gloves. Only then did he notice the small blades. Each of them was extremely small, but their size did not affect their lethality.

At the same time, after Divine Extraction had been used on the gloves and they had been upgraded, their stats had increased by a lot. His attack could be increased by 300 points, which was even greater than his current close-range attack stats, making his strength double in an instant.

Apart from that, Liu Yan also noticed a crucial change. Not only could the soft blade boxing gloves block all kinds of sharp weapons, but they could also block all kinds of elemental power after being upgraded!

With this, both the defense and attack power of the gloves were extremely powerful, making them perfectly compatible with Liu Yan's Blazing Tyrant Fist!

With the Blazing Tyrant Fist and this soft blade boxing glove, his close-range combat strength was thus abruptly improved.

Liu Yan put on the soft blade boxing gloves. They were very thin and did not affect his normal movements at all. They wouldn't affect his movements in archery or other things.

On top of that, he could actively control whether to unfurl the small blades that could not be seen by the naked eye that covered the soft blade boxing gloves.

If the blades were furled, these soft blade boxing gloves would just be a pair of gloves with extremely strong defense, not hurting other people or objects when they came into accidental contact with them.

It would undoubtedly be much more convenient if he had the initiative to control whether the soft blades on the gloves were unfurled or not.

With that, Liu Yan furled the soft blades on the gloves, planning to unfurl them when needed.

At this time, the sky was already dark, and it was already late. Having gained a bountiful harvest, Liu Yan was quite satisfied. He returned to the dormitory that had been arranged for him.

Other than the exchange coupons for cultivation methods and equipment, Liu Yan had also obtained various precious medicinal herbs for body tempering.

These medicinal herbs were all able to increase one's physique and strength to a certain extent.

Liu Yan used Divine Extraction on each of them, and their effects were immediately improved by several times.

After a rough estimation, if he consumed all the medicinal herbs to be taken internally and used up all the medicinal herbs to be applied externally, his attribute points would be increased by several dozen points in an instant, making him incomparably powerful.

However, he knew that this was mainly thanks to Divine Extraction.

If it was before, it would probably already be amazing if he could increase his attribute points by more than ten points.

After returning to the dormitory, Liu Yan first brew the medicinal herbs that had to be taken internally and drank all of them. Then, a notification appeared before him.

[Strength +31, Vitality +42!]

Seeing the notification, Liu Yan was overjoyed. Medicines were really convenient in increasing one's strength.

That being said, he had previously learned from the principal that although potions could increase one's strength without any side effects, there was a limit to how much one could use them. If one continuously used them, there would not be much effect towards the end.

The potions worked to remove the impurities in one's body and increasing one's strength.

As such, after all the impurities had been removed, further consumption of potions would not have the same effects again. There was a limit to it.

After taking the potions, the medicinal ingredients for external application were left. Liu Yan took them and went to the bathroom, preparing to take a bath and soak in them.

The many days of adventure in the Tower had made him very tense. It was a good opportunity for him to take a bath to relax now since he would be busy again the next day.

However, as soon as Liu Yan opened the bathroom, he found that there was mist lingering around.

Previously, he had been informed that due to the limited number of dormitories, a single dormitory could not be arranged. Instead, he was given a two-person dormitory.

To think his roommate didn't know to ventilate after taking a bath, making the entire bathroom so wet. Liu Yan thought to himself that he would have to give his roommate a lecture after the latter came back as he headed deeper into the bathroom.

At this moment, inside the bathroom, a curvy figure was taking a shower. Her proud bust was very much prominent.

Murong Xue was relaxing while taking a shower, and at the same time, wondering who her roommate was.

The Murong Family was the manager of the Murong Chamber of Commerce and an important sponsor of the academy. Therefore, Murong Xue knew quite some insider information that others didn't.

For example, in Lighthouse Academy, strength was the most important thing. Therefore, when the dormitories were allocated, they were allocated according to one's strength.

Murong Xue was very confident in her own strength, so she was a little curious about how strong her roommate would be.

Unlike other Awakened who only started to practice martial arts after they entered the Tower and were awakened, Murong Xue had been born into the prestigious Murong Family and had been practicing martial arts since she was young.

Before she had awakened her talent, she had already displayed signs of obtaining an extremely powerful talent.

After practicing martial arts for thirteen years, her strength was incomparably powerful.

Murong Xue had been long unsatisfied with the sparring partner that her family had assigned for her. The sparring partner was simply so weak that she was able to finish him off in two or three moves.

Even those experts who had already awakened their talent after training in the Tower were no match for Murong Xue who had yet to awaken her talent.

This time, after entering the Tower, Murong Xue had awakened a powerful talent related to her close-combat martial arts. Her strength had also received a terrifying increase.

Right at this moment, the bathroom door was pulled open, and a figure walked over. Murong Xue was instantly shocked.

On the other side, Liu Yan was even more stunned when he saw the beautiful scene in front of him.

The girl's graceful figure, especially the two football-sized breasts on her chest, made Liu Yan extremely surprised.

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"Damn, the academy's dormitory is a mixed dorm?" Liu Yan cried out in surprise.

Murong Xue's face immediately turned cold, and she instantly reacted. She jumped directly onto Liu Yan's face and waved her fist to attack him.

## **Chapter 42: Combat Power Off the Charts**

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After many days of adventure, Liu Yan's combat awareness was not weak. He immediately reacted to the sudden attack.

However, seeing the erotic scene in front of him, Liu Yan was instantly stunned.

Who could withstand such a scene...?

Murong Xue did not hold back at all. She directly attacked Liu Yan's face, her fist ruthless.

Having comprehended the Blazing Tyrant Fist, Liu Yan subconsciously tilted his head to dodge.

Immediately after, he pulled Murong Xue down from his face.

Murong Xue looked at the man in front of her with some surprise. To think his strength was so terrifying!

Murong Xue had always focused on body cultivation. Although she was a woman, her body was extremely strong. There were very few who could be stronger than her!

She looked at Liu Yan in surprise and realized that this person was not simple. Since he was an expert, she directly activated her talent.

S-grade Berserk Stance activated!

Murong Xue's originally curvy figure instantly became muscly. In an instant, blocks of extremely obvious muscles appeared on her body.

Under Berserk Stance, her strength, vitality, and speed all received a large degree increment.

Murong Xue once again charged toward Liu Yan.

Liu Yan was better at long-range attacks and somewhat lacking in close combat ability, to begin with.

As for the ice and fire two-headed wolf and his puppets, Liu Yan wanted to keep them as his trump cards. He wouldn't use them unless it was a critical moment.

Fortunately, he had just learned the Blazing Tyrant Fist, a fist technique that brought with it some close-combat techniques.

In addition, he had Divine Extraction, so his attributes were extremely powerful. As such, he barely managed to deal with Murong Xue.

To be honest, if Liu Yan attacked with his full strength, it would be very easy to deal with the girl.

Putting everything else aside, just releasing the skill 'Fog' would basically end the battle.

However, in this matter, Liu Yan himself felt that he had offended the girl by accidentally seeing her naked. Therefore, he wanted to properly apologize to resolve this matter. He did not wish for a real conflict to occur and a battle to break out.

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"Miss, miss, I'm very sorry, it wasn't on purpose. Why don't we stop fighting?" Liu Yan relied on Swiftsteps and easily dodged Murong Xue's attack. He hurriedly tried to persuade her.

Murong Xue was quite displeased that she had been seen naked, but most importantly, she was still not convinced of the other party's strength.

Since she was young, she had never lost in terms of physical skills. Even in the Tower, she had relied on her strong body and close combat skills to crush the other Awakened and the various fierce beasts.

It was the first time she had encountered such a difficult human Awakened in close combat.

Murong Xue rushed over again, but her attacks were still easily dodged by Liu Yan with his terrifying speed.

She got very angry. She was so strong, yet she couldn't even hit the opponent, making her feel extremely aggrieved.

She glanced at her still-naked body and quickly grabbed her clothes, then put them on. After that, she said angrily, "If you have the ability, don't dodge. Have a face-to-face fight with me. Otherwise, I'll tell others that you peeped on me!"

"Cough, cough, you can't say such nonsense," Liu Yan's expression was a little awkward. He hadn't wished for something like this to happen either.

However, seeing Murong Xue's determined expression, Liu Yan immediately agreed.

After exchanging a few moves just now, he did realize that the girl's close combat ability was extremely terrifying. It was also a good opportunity for him to see how his close combat ability would be after obtaining the Blazing Tyrant Fist.

The two of them faced off against each other for a second time. Murong Xue immediately activated the second layer of her Tyrant Body.

Instantly, an airwave gushed out. Having forgotten to control her strength, the dormitory building collapsed.

The commotion here had long attracted the attention of the Awakened in the surrounding dormitories. At this moment, when they saw that the dormitory building had collapsed, they started to gather around and watch.

"Let's fight on the field!" Murong Xue said.

Liu Yan was not afraid at all as he followed behind her to the field.

The Awakened who had rushed over out of curiosity also followed, attracting more Awakened to come and watch as well.

On the field, the two exchanged hands.

This time, Liu Yan did not use Swiftsteps and only relied on his powerful body as well as the Blazing Tyrant Fist to fight.

After a round of battle, he understood the difference between the two sides.

In terms of body attributes, Liu Yan, who had Divine Extraction, had attributes several times or even more than ten times that of an Awakened of the same level. Naturally, he was not afraid at all.

In terms of close combat skills, he was lacking quite a bit.

However, the Blazing Tyrant Fist was extremely powerful. He was only simply using it without displaying the true combat strength of the techniques, but he could already easily deal with the opponent.

After a round of battle, Murong Xue was completely at a disadvantage.

At this moment, the Awakened around were also exclaiming in excitement and discussing among themselves.

“Who are these two? Why is their combat strength so terrifying?”

“It seems to be Liu Yan and Murong Xue.”

“It’s the number one genius who broke the record, Liu Yan? Why does the name Murong Xue sound so familiar, though?”

“Are you stupid? Murong Xue is the number one in close combat. She has never lost to anyone in close combat!”

“Good Heavens, why are these two fighting? This is fascinating!”

“So this is a battle between experts? They’ve only awakened their talent for less than a month, but why does it feel like they’re already so much ahead of us?”

“...”

At this moment, Murong Xue was quite annoyed after exchanging blows with the other party.

This was the first time she had met someone with such strong close combat ability. She, who had always been the center of admiration, had thus taken quite a blow.

In particular, she had discovered that the other party was obviously very unfamiliar with close combat skills. It was obvious that he did not specialize in close combat.

In the battle just now, it had seemed that she was at a disadvantage, but in reality, the opponent had been lenient. If the opponent had been more serious, she might have already been injured.

After hesitating for a while, Murong Xue decided to take the risk and activate the third layer of the Tyrant Body that she had never succeeded in before!

Murong Xue stomped her foot, and an aura spread out. The Awakened who were watching around were all forced to take two steps back.

“What a powerful aura,” Liu Yan felt the terrifying aura coming from the opposite side and became serious.

Immediately, the two exchanged blows again.

Murong Xue unleashed her potential and successfully activated the third layer of the Tyrant Body, obtaining an extremely terrifying fighting strength.

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As for Liu Yan, he relied on his powerful body and the Blazing Tyrant Fist to deal with the opponent with all his strength.

The fight between the two was at an anxious standstill.

The shockwaves from the battle spread out, one wave after another.

The stone pillar used for the test at the side was affected by the shockwaves and immediately displayed the stats.

The number on the pillar rose rapidly, and in a short while, it reached 9,999, its peak.

The Awakened in the surroundings were all shocked.

“F\*ck, the stone pillar has reached its peak. Didn’t they say that only the full-strength strike from a level 10 Awakened could make it reach its peak?”

“The shockwave from their battle has made the pillar reach its peak? They’re that strong?”

“Doesn’t this mean that the combat strengths of both of them are above level 10? That terrifying?”

“Why do I feel that the stone pillar doesn’t seem very stable? It’s said that when a level 15 Awakened attacks the pillar with full strength, it will shatter.”

“...”

At this moment, Liu Yan and Murong Xue, who were in the middle of the field, had already unleashed their strongest attacks.

Murong Xue activated all of her strength, unleashing all the battle prowess of her terrifying third layer Tyrant Body, and threw a punch.

Liu Yan, on the other hand, also used all the power in his body as well as the powerful Blazing Tyrant Fist, and chose to directly clash with the other party!

With that, the two fists clashed, and the powerful force from both sides collided. The ground shook a few times, and the terrifying shock wave spread out, affecting the surrounding stone pillars.

The stone pillars that were originally showing numbers at their peak trembled a little, and actually shattered one after another...

### **Chapter 43: Level Three of the Tower, New Rules**

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The Awakened were all shocked when they saw that the stone pillars on the field were shattered.

“F\*ck, to think actually shattered. It takes a level 15 Awakened’s strongest attack to do this!”

“The shockwave of their battle is already equivalent to the strongest attack of a level 15 Awakened, so how terrifying are their strength?”

“I was from Tower 105. I remember that Liu Yan’s forte seemed to be long-range archery, not strength and close combat.”

“...”

For a moment, the Awakened all sucked in a breath of cold air. So this was the terrifying strength of the number one genius?



He was not good at close combat, yet he had such terrifying combat strength!

At this moment, Murong Xue was the first to collapse and faint in the field.

It was her first time activating the third layer of the Tyrant Body, and she had unleashed such powerful combat strength that her body could no longer take it.

Soon, some female Awakened who were on good terms with Murong Xue came up and supported her away.

At this moment, Liu Yan also stumbled and almost fell.

Seeing this, Chu Long, who was not far away, quickly went up to support Liu Yan.

“Are you okay? Why were you fighting so hard?” Chu Long asked worriedly.

“I’m fine, I’m fine. This battle was really enjoyable! Please help me find a new dormitory to rest in,” Liu Yan said with a smile.

Chu Long glanced at Liu Yan. The battle was so intense that both of them were about to faint, yet they still found it enjoyable? She really didn’t understand.

At this moment, Liu Yan’s heart was incomparably satisfied.

Though, he hadn’t displayed his true combat strength in the battle, including his various powerful skills, the ice and fire two-headed wolf, his enchanted puppets, and his bow.

In fact, he hadn’t even unfurled the soft blades of his soft blade boxing gloves, not displaying their powerful lethality.

At the same time, he hadn’t unleashed the fire attribute of the Blazing Tyrant Fist and used it to its full combat strength.

Once any of these had been used, there was a high possibility that he would hurt the other party. It was just a sparring session, not a battle with a fierce beast, so there was no need to go to such extents.

In addition, Liu Yan only wanted to see just how strong his pure physical strength was.

In this battle, he had given his all in unleashing his pure physical strength and using the pure moves of the Blazing Tyrant Fist. In the end, he was on par with Murong Xue.

After sending Liu Yan back to his new dormitory and confirming that he was fine, Chu Long went back to rest.

Liu Yan prepared the bathwater, poured in the medicinal herbs that were to be externally applied and took a bath.

These medicinal herbs could largely remove the impurities in the body and strengthen the body.

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Having just experienced a great battle, Liu Yan was now able to absorb these medicinal herbs better.

Suddenly, Liu Yan felt itchy all over his body. The cells in his body were splitting and regenerating, the process going on continuously.

He could not help but faint in the process.

When Liu Yan finally woke up in the middle of the night, he found that the bathwater that was originally filled with medicinal fragrance had turned into stinky bathwater.

He guessed that it was probably because of the discharge of the impurities in his body.

He stood up and immediately felt that his body had become much stronger.

He then looked at his own body. Although his muscles were not exaggerated in size, the lines of his muscles were clear and filled with strength. He was very satisfied.

Liu Yan immediately felt some gratitude toward Murong Xue. The great battle with her had not only helped him familiarize himself with close combat and the Blazing Tyrant Fist, but it had also greatly strengthened his body.

It was very rare to obtain such an opportunity in the Tower. After all, in a battle with a fierce beast, one careless mistake and one might just die. Thus, every time Liu Yan fought with a fierce beast, he would use his full strength and use killer moves. He did not dare to be careless. There was simply no chance to spar and train.

The next day, under the guidance of the instructors, the Awakened gathered on the field.

Not long after, the principal arrived.

“Everyone, we are going to hold a sparring session today!” The principal said with a smile.

But then, he turned his head only to see that the stone pillars used for assessments had all turned into powder.

The principal was immediately stunned and his face was full of shock, “Who? Who did this?”

“How dare you destroy the stone pillars used for assessments? Who gave you the guts to do so?” The principal roared and questioned.

The Awakened below had been discussing this matter.

At this moment, an Awakened who was near the front stepped forward and said, “Principal, last night, Liu Yan and the lady from the Murong Family had sparred on the field. Then, the shockwaves from their battle hit these stone pillars and they shattered.”

The principal, who had been angry just a moment ago, immediately calmed down when he heard this.

One of the parties in question was a member of the Murong Family, who was the main sponsor of the academy, so he didn’t dare to say anything about her.

The other one was Liu Yan, who was an expert that the entire academy had to rely on in the future. He couldn’t afford to offend him.

“Oh, that’s fine then,” The principal smiled and said.

At this moment, the Awakened below were discussing animatedly.

“Is this for real? The shockwaves from their battle were enough to shatter these stone pillars?”

“My question exactly. Didn’t they say that the stone pillars can withstand the strongest attack of a level 10 Awakened and would only shatter under the strongest attack of a level 15 Awakened?”

“It’s true. I saw it with my own eyes last night. You didn’t see it, but the two of them were very powerful. The battle was really exciting!”

“I saw it too. The whole battle had been of close combat, and was very interesting!”

“If only I can have such powerful strength one day. I would definitely become the pride of our entire family. No, the pride of the entire village!”

“...”

The principal listened to the discussions below the stage but wasn’t surprised.

He had been the principal for many years and had seen all sorts of monstrous experts. He was most clear about the value of one being able to obtain 320,000 points on the first two levels of the tower. That was far beyond the imagination and understanding of ordinary people.

It wasn’t surprising at all that such a top-notch expert could possess such terrifying combat strength so early on.

Since the stone pillars had already been shattered, the sparring session could not be continued. The principal explained some things and have some words of encouragement to the group of Awakened before explaining the rules and points to note for level three of the Tower. The academy planned to open level three of the Tower ahead of time.

“Everyone, I will now begin to explain the rules and points to note for level three of the Tower. You must remember every word I say clearly. This not only concerns whether you can pass the trial on level three of the Tower, but it also concerns your lives and the future of mankind! Level three of the Tower is different from the first two novice levels. Level three is extremely dangerous, so you must form teams to fight. Each of you is to form a team of three and appoint a team leader.”

“Secondly, each of you will receive a card that will be marked with ‘yin’ or ‘yang’! Level three is the ‘Taiji Basin’. Those with the yin card will be in one of the semi-circles of Taiji, while those with the yang card will be in the other.”

“The requirement to pass the trial of level three and enter level four is to gather both the yin and yang cards! At the same time, you may also be rewarded by killing the fierce beasts in the Tower, though, the probability of that happening is very low, only about 10%. In other words, if you kill 10 fierce beasts, you might only get one card or even less.”

“Last of all, gathering the yin and yang cards is extremely crucial. Not only is it the only way to get out of level three of the Tower, but it also has another benefit, which is related to your class transition!”

When the Awakened below heard this, they were all extremely curious.

Previously, many of them had heard that when they reached the upper levels of the Tower, they would be able to undergo class transition.

After the class transition, their strength would receive a qualitative improvement.

It could be said that an Awakened's future depended on whether one's class transition was successful or not.

The different classes also had quite a big difference. Whether the class transitioned into was strong or not would affect one's future growth.

If it were to be said that awakening a talent was the first chance to determine one's future, then the class transition was the second chance!

At this moment, the principal continued to explain on the stage, "Different talents are related to different classes. Those with classes will have more room for development in comparison to those who only have talents. For example, berserker, priest, and so on. As long as you gather X pairs of yin and yang cards, you can exchange them for a certificate of class transition!

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"That's all there is to it. The help we can give you is very limited. Everything depends on you. It also depends on the cooperation between you and the members of your team. Now, you can choose your teammates, form a team, and appoint your leader. With a good leader, you'll have better guidance! We're planning on opening level three of the Tower after everyone has selected their teammates and formed their respective teams. Everyone, make haste!"

The Awakened below were all extremely excited when they heard this.

Although level three of the Tower was extremely dangerous, being able to obtain a class transition certificate also meant that they would have a huge chance to increase their strength. Danger and opportunity coexisted.

The Awakened who were able to reach this stage were all quite strong. Naturally, they weren't afraid. At this moment, they were all eager to give it a try.

#### **Chapter 44: You Were Very Strong Last Night**

"Everyone must form a team. Three people in a team. Today is the last day of preparation, so you must make haste. We will be opening level three of the Tower at two o'clock sharp in the afternoon!" The principal announced in the end.

With that, the principal left. The Awakened below immediately began to form teams.

Most of them were looking for those with similar or higher strengths than themselves to form teams.

This was a matter of life and death, of whether they could succeed in clearing the trial, and of their future. No one wanted to be dragged down.

Only those who were slightly weaker but had high-grade talents that had better growth potential were accepted into teams.

Murong Xue finally came to at this time and rushed to the field.

Although she had an S-grade talent Berserk Stance and had an abnormally strong body because she had practiced martial arts since she was young, her injuries from last night's battle with Liu Yan were serious. At this moment, only half of her injuries had recovered, unlike Liu Yan who had fully recovered in one night.

Wearing a red top and a red mini skirt, added by her exquisite face and her curvy figure, Murong Xue immediately attracted most of the attention the moment she arrived on the field.

Instantly, many people turned their gazes towards her and started discussing in hushed voices.

"Who is that lady? She's so pretty. This figure, tsk tsk tsk!"

"If I could play with such a great figure for an entire night, I would even be willing to die!"

"Stop dreaming, who else could it be? It's Murong Xue, the young miss of the Murong Family. How can you and I covet her?"

"Murong Xue? I've heard of her as well. Behind her is the powerful Murong Family, and Murong Xue herself is also very powerful. She's really a winner in life!"

"I wonder who would Murong Xue, who is so good-looking and so strong, team up with? It's such a blessing to be able to team up with such a beautiful expert."

"..."

Everyone discussed in low voices. They quite yearned to team up with Murong Xue. After all, not only did she have a powerful background, a goddess-like face, and a curvy figure, but her strength was not weak either. She was the top expert in this batch of Awakened.

However, most of them knew that there was a huge gap between them and Murong Xue. They were simply not worthy of forming a team with her. Being tactful, not many went forward. There was no need for them to go forward and embarrass themselves.

However, there were also a few who thought with their penises and immediately rushed forward upon seeing Murong Xue's goddess-like face and curvy figure.

A young man covered in lumps of flesh rushed forward and blocked Murong Xue, saying with a smug look on his face, "Miss, look at how strong I am. My talent is a C grade strength-type talent. How about it? Form a team with me, and I will protect you!"

Obviously, this person did not know Murong Xue's identity.

Upon seeing Murong Xue, it was as if his sperms rushed to his brain and he immediately became obsessed with her. He took no heed of the discussions of the people around him.

Murong Xue looked at the young man in front of her. He was covered in lumps of flesh and looked quite strong. However, that was only in comparison to the ordinary people and low-level Awakened.

In front of a powerful fierce beast, he was nothing.

Murong Xue said, displeased, "Only C-grade? You're so weak, yet you're thinking of forming a team with me. Are you even worthy?"

When the young man heard this, he was immediately displeased. He had always been proud of his strength. Now that he was being humiliated in this aspect, he could not stand it at all.

"Miss, what are you saying? I'm not strong enough? Why don't you give it a try?" The young man provoked unhappily.

Murong Xue's gaze turned cold. With her fiery temper, she was lazy to say anything else. She simply stomped on the ground fiercely and activated the first layer of the Tyrant Body!

Under the support of the terrifying strength, Murong Xue, who had looked like a goddess just a moment ago, was suddenly filled with strength. Her aura was astonishing.

The young man immediately felt that something was wrong, but it was already too late.

Murong Xue swept her leg over, and under the immense power, the young man with a C-grade strength-type talent was unable to resist at all. He was directly swept over ten meters away by the leg attack and ended in a sorry state.

When the surrounding people saw this, they were all shocked.

Murong Xue was really good-looking, but she was really strong and also very bad-tempered.

"That's it? Be more watchful in the future. You're so weak, yet you still have the nerve to come out and flirt with girls!" Leaving behind a disdainful sentence, Murong Xue left immediately.

The young man who had fallen to the ground had originally only been slightly injured, but when he heard Murong Xue's words, he instantly spat out a mouthful of blood in anger. His eyes were filled with resentment as he stared at Murong Xue's departing back.

He thought to himself, "You little girl, you'd better remember this well. Sooner or later, I'm going to have you underneath me and avenge today's humiliation!"

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Murong Xue hadn't even taken two steps before another young man walked over.

Unlike the previous young man, this young man was quite feminine and did not have much of a sense of power.

The young man had a humble look on his face as he said, "Miss Murong Xue, my combat strength is not that strong, but I have a healer-type talent, so I will definitely be of help to you. Can you form a team with me? If you bring me along, I will do whatever you want me to do, anything!"

The young man said such words in an extremely humble manner as if he was a dog.

When the surrounding people heard this, they secretly exclaimed in awe at the willingness of the young man to put himself in such a low position.

However, Murong Xue simply had a disdainful smile on her face as she said disdainfully, "I will either form a team with men or with women. I won't form a team with a sissy. Talk about healing, I'm so strong, will I even get hurt? You're completely useless!"

After she finished spitting these words, Murong Xue left with a disdainful look on her face.

The young man on the spot immediately had a sorrowful look on his face. Murong Xue's words had caused him to feel inferior to the point he was doubting his own life.

The remaining few who had originally been eager to give it a try immediately retreated and did not dare to go forwards anymore. They knew, seeing this situation, that if they went forward, they would either be beaten up by Murong Xue or be dissed.

Murong Xue pushed aside numerous people as she searched through the crowd.

On the other side, Liu Yan was also feeling quite troubled at this moment.

In terms of personality, he liked to move alone. This was the most convenient, and there wouldn't be so much trouble.

Although forming a team would increase one's overall strength, it was also troublesome.

Liu Yan was very afraid of trouble. Moreover, he was extremely confident in his own strength. With his strength, he didn't need to form a team. He would be able to successfully clear the Tower alone.

After obtaining the Blazing Tyrant Fist, Liu Yan could currently be said to be an all-rounded warrior.

He was proficient in many aspects, including close combat, long-range combat, strength, agility, ice attribute, fire attribute, poison attribute, and so on. He even had a powerful fierce beast as a pet as well as enchanted puppets. He could fight many fierce beasts alone without any flaws. He simply did not need to borrow the strength of others at all.

However, the principal had said that team-forming was a must. The rule was that one must form a team and not be alone.

Without another choice, Liu Yan could only choose to form a team.

The first candidate was very easy. His neighbor's younger sister, Chu Long.

On one hand, he could protect her. On the other hand, her healing ability might be useful in certain situations.

However, it was not easy to find a second member. Liu Yan looked around, but he really could not find anyone that he liked.

At this moment, Murong Xue pushed a few people away in a domineering manner. The male Awakened were thus pushed to the ground.

However, Murong Xue did not even look at them as she walked forward.

The male Awakened who were lying on the ground were about to fly into a rage, but when they saw that it was Murong Xue who had pushed them, they did not dare even to make a sound. Even if they were humiliated, they could only grit their teeth and swallow the grievance.

Murong Xue came to Liu Yan and Chu Long. Then, she pointed at Liu Yan and said, "You were very strong last night!"

#### **Chapter 45: Give Some Respect to the Principal**

When the surrounding people heard this, they were all extremely shocked.

To think the dignified daughter of the Murong Family, the famous martial arts beauty said such words.

Last night, he was very strong?

When Liu Yan heard this, his expression turned black as well. This girl really did not know how to speak.

At this time, Murong Xue continued, "30 million, I'll give you 30 million for you to be my sparring partner and teammate until we leave the Tower. How's that?"

Hearing this, Liu Yan wore a disinterested face.

If he had been outside, he would definitely be very interested.

After all, 30 million was enough for an ordinary person for a lifetime.

But since entering the Tower, money was not of much use.

30 million may be enough for a long time outside, but in the Tower, 30 million might not even be enough to buy a piece of slightly higher graded equipment.

For example, one might not even be able to buy the rewards that Liu Yan had received when he had gotten first place in the reputation rankings and had broken the historical record with a few hundred million.

30 million? Currently, Liu Yan did not think much of it.

He immediately shook his head and said, displeased, "I'm not interested, please go find someone else."

From last night's fight, although Murong Xue's skills were not bad, Liu Yan didn't think too much of her.

With only his close combat skills and his physical strength, he had been on par with her in the fight.

If he had used his full strength, he could have defeated her in an instant last night.

All in all, Murong Xue's current strength was extremely strong compared to the other Awakened, but to Liu Yan, she was only slightly stronger than the enchanted puppets and the ice and fire two-headed wolf.

Other people might beg and even kneel for Murong Xue to be their teammate, but to Liu Yan, she was nothing at all.

After saying that, Liu Yan ignored Murong Xue and left with Chu Long.



Chu Long looked at Murong Xue with curiosity. She was quite interested in the latter because she had witnessed Murong Xue's battle last night. She was definitely the most powerful female Awakened she had ever seen.

Chu Long admired such a female Awakened from the bottom of her heart. It was just that her personality was a little too aggressive and she did not get along with Liu Yan. Otherwise, Chu Long would have hoped to have a powerful female Awakened teammate like Murong Xue.

When Murong Xue heard Liu Yan's refusal and see him leave without hesitation, she was stunned. She did not expect to be rejected.

Being born into the Murong Family and thus having an impressive background, she had been the favored daughter of the heavens since she was young. It had always been others who begged Murong Xue.

This was the first time that Murong Xue had taken the initiative to send out an invitation. She had never thought that she would actually be rejected!

She looked at Liu Yan's leaving figure with some annoyance, but she could not do anything about it.

When the surrounding people saw this, they were also shocked beyond words.

The Goddess that they had been longing for so much to be their teammate was now taking the initiative to invite someone, yet was actually rejected?

"Is this for real? He even rejected Murong Xue."

"Is that brat stupid? To think he even rejects such a strong and beautiful goddess? Where can he find a better teammate?"

"Are you stupid? That's Liu Yan, the person who broke the historical record!"

"Oh, that's Liu Yan. It's alright then. Liu Yan is indeed much stronger than Murong Xue."

"I've heard about it too. Last night, Liu Yan and Murong Xue had been equally matched in close combat."

"So what? Liu Yan won. I came from the same Tower as Liu Yan. His specialty is archery and is worst in close combat!"

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Hearing the discussions around her, Murong Xue immediately understood. So this guy was the monster that broke the record, Liu Yan. No wonder he was so powerful and looked down on her!

Murong Xue, who had just been rejected for the first time, felt a little better.

"You want to escape from me? Dream on!" Murong Xue muttered to herself and left, going straight to the principal.

On the other side, Liu Yan was with Chu Long in the store to buy various supplies and materials, preparing for level three of the Tower when the principal came looking for him with Murong Xue.

Seeing the principal come in person, Liu Yan was a little surprised.

“Principal, what’s the matter?” Liu Yan asked.

Chu Long was also a little puzzled, but seeing Murong Xue who was with the principal, she had a vague guess.

At this moment, the principal looked quite embarrassed. He said in a low voice, “Um, Liu Yan, I’m looking for you for a private matter. Don’t worry about my identity as the principal. Is it convenient for you now? Let’s find a quiet place to talk.”

Liu Yan did not expect that the dignified and honorable principal would actually come to talk to him with a begging tone.

He nodded and agreed.

Not long after, Liu Yan, the principal, and the others took their seats in a small restaurant.

Under the principal’s treat, a table of sumptuous food was brought to the table.

Unlike the outside world, the world of the Tower was short of resources. To order a table of sumptuous dishes would cost a price that was at least a thousand times higher than the outside world.

After the dishes had almost all been served, the principal rubbed his hands and began to talk about serious matters.

“It’s like this, Liu Yan. Aren’t you still trying to form a team? Every cultivator has to form a team by force. I see that your team isn’t complete yet. There are still vacancies. Can you choose Murong Xue as your remaining teammate? Of course, I’m not forcing you to accept this teammate. I don’t have the right. Don’t worry, I’m just discussing it with you.”

“Look, Murong Xue comes from the Murong Family and has a powerful background. She has also been practicing martial arts since she was young. Her foundation is very good, and the talent she has awakened is the S-grade Berserker Stance. She’s quite strong.”

“If you’re willing to agree, I have a few sponsors who can provide you with a lot of benefits. This is the list, please see if it’s enough. Liu Yan, I hope you can give me some face and agree to my request.”

As the principal spoke, he handed over a piece of paper.

Liu Yan looked at Murong Xue with some surprise. To think this girl did not hesitate to use her connections to go directly to the principal and the sponsors just to join his team. She was really going all out.

Liu Yan took the paper and looked at it. There were all kinds of materials listed on it, most of which would be useful in the future. It was obvious that the principal and the sponsors had specially prepared it according to his circumstances and needs.

Other than that, the most precious thing offered was a B-grade weapon-exchange coupon.

B-grade weapons were incomparably precious. The principal and the sponsors had invested quite a large amount of capital.

It seemed that the Murong Family's strength was even stronger than he had imagined. To think they could make the principal and the sponsors be so generous.

Seeing that the other party was so sincere, Liu Yan couldn't be bothered to fuss about the matter. Besides, other than Murong Xue's temper being a little missy and a little hot-tempered, she wasn't too bad.

Liu Yan looked at Chu Long and asked, "Chu Long, what do you think? If you think it's okay, then we'll take Murong Xue as our last teammate."

The principal quickly looked at Chu Long with an expectant look on his face.

Murong Xue, who had always been arrogant, frowned slightly. If she couldn't succeed even with this, she really wanted to lose her temper.

Chu Long had long wanted to get to know Murong Xue and wanted her as her teammate. She looked at Liu Yan carefully and understood what he meant. Thus, she immediately nodded, "Sure, I think it's great!"

#### **Chapter 46: Ink-green Staff Sword**

"Alright, then Murong Xue will be our last teammate," Liu Yan nodded.

Seeing this, the principal let out a sigh of relief.

Murong Xue was the young miss of the Murong Family and also the beloved daughter of the head of the Murong Family. She had been pampered since she was young.

As the principal, he did not dare to offend her easily. In the face of Murong Xue's request, he tried his best to help her, afraid that if he could not do it well, she would be displeased.

If Murong Xue wanted someone else to be her teammate, the principal could have gone to the person directly and succeeded in doing the job by exerting some pressure on the person.

However, the target was Liu Yan. He was the future top-tier expert who had broken the historical record.

Therefore, the principal could only work together with a few sponsors to come up with this idea.

In any case, the various resources provided could be considered to be helping Liu Yan. To leave a good impression on such a top-tier expert would definitely be a good thing for them anyway.

Seeing that the matter had finally been resolved, the principal relaxed, and his face was filled with joy.

"That's great. Hurry up and eat. Prepare well. There's not much time left, so I won't stay here and disturb you guys anymore," The principal said with a smile on his face and quickly left, so as to not get in the way.

Liu Yan nodded slightly and watched the principal leave.

The three of them ate the sumptuous delicacies. Murong Xue did not care about her image as a goddess at all. She ate in big mouthfuls, making Liu Yan and Chu Long who were at the side stunned.

Chu Long could not help but ask softly, "Big sister, aren't you from the Murong Family? Why do you look like you've never eaten good food before?"

Murong Xue did not even raise her head as she continued to eat in big mouthfuls, and said intermittently, "No matter how powerful the Murong Family is, we still won't have good food in the Tower. Besides, I'm mainly focused on body training and close combat, so there's a huge demand for energy. I haven't had a full meal since I came in."

Liu Yan was not surprised to hear this. Ever since he had crazily improved his physical fitness through Divine Extraction, his appetite had also doubled.

"Hurry up and eat. After we finish eating, we still need to prepare some supplies. There's not much time left," As Liu Yan spoke, he joined in on the meal.

Compared to Murong Xue, Liu Yan's eating style was slightly better, but he ate more than the girl. As he ate in big mouthfuls, Chu Long, who was watching from the side, was once again stunned.

Soon, the table full of dishes was finished. To be precise, most of the dishes had been eaten by Liu Yan and Murong Xue. Chu Long, who did not eat much, only ate a small bowl.

"Alright, let's split up and prepare the supplies. We'll gather at the square on time in the afternoon," As Liu Yan spoke, he quickly left with Chu Long. He was too lazy to say anything to Murong Xue.

Murong Xue, who was still standing at the same spot, glanced at Liu Yan who had left in the distance. She was also a little depressed. Other men had always tried to curry favor with her, yet not only did this man not curry favor with her, but why did he seem like he was too lazy to bother with her?

Murong Xue shook her head. She could not be bothered to think too much about it. She also quickly went to make preparations, planning to raise her strength on level three. When the time came, she would definitely defeat Liu Yan.

Ever since she was young, she had never lost to her peers. She simply wouldn't allow her peers to be stronger than her!

On the other side, Liu Yan brought Chu Long to continue shopping.

The main thing was to purchase dry rations and some medicine. With Chu Long's S-grade talent Holy Healing, most of the injuries could be directly healed. As such, they only needed a small amount of medicine in case of emergency.

As for the materials, the principal and sponsors had prepared a lot of those, so there was no need to buy anymore. Liu Yan used the exchange voucher to exchange for them and put them into his interspatial ring. With this, everything was almost ready.

The last thing that was left was the B-grade weapon exchange voucher. It was extremely precious, and Liu Yan planned to make good use of it to increase his strength.

He then looked at the equipment that he had. The Myriad Beast Bow was at the B-grade, but because he had used all kinds of precious fierce beast materials to forge it, its power was actually much stronger than an ordinary B-grade bow.

As for gloves, he had a pair of A-grade soft blade boxing gloves. It was very powerful and incomparable to B-grade gloves.

The grade of his dagger was not high, though. It was only an E-grade dagger, but Liu Yan did not use it much. Most of the time, it was used as a tool, not a weapon, so there was no need to change it into a B-grade dagger.

Following that, Liu Yan looked at Chu Long who was beside him, and asked, "Hey, Chu Long, what weapon are you using?"

Chu Long answered in a daze, "I don't have a weapon. When I came in, I chose the defensive equipment and got a set of F-grade defensive equipment. After that, I didn't really change my defensive equipment or buy any weapons. My talent is Holy Healing anyway, so I don't really need any weapons."

Hearing this, Liu Yan remembered that Chu Long's equipment was still very poor.

Previously, he had sold most of the D-grade and C-grade equipment he had obtained and had forgotten to keep some for Chu Long.

Chu Long was about to enter level three, yet she was still just equipped with the lowest grade defensive equipment. She did not even have any weapons and was truly quite shabbily prepared in terms of equipment.

However, there was not much time left. Liu Yan did not have the time to prepare much equipment for Chu Long, so he could only think about it later. In any case, he had the SSS-grade talent Divine Extraction, so he would not be lacking in equipment. There would be plenty of opportunities later on.

With this, Liu Yan planned to use the B-grade weapon-exchange coupon to see if he could help Chu Long choose a suitable weapon for now.

"Let's go, let's look for a weapon for you," Liu Yan pulled Chu Long towards the equipment exchange counter.

"Huh? I don't need any equipment, right? It's a bit of a waste," Chu Long felt that it was somewhat unnecessary.

Soon, the two of them arrived at the weapon exchange counter. Liu Yan asked for the list of B-grade weapons and began browsing through it.

Chu Long's talent was a healing-type talent, after all. Most of the time, she did not need to fight. She would only have to fight in an emergency, so there was no need to choose an ordinary combat weapon. Instead, he needed to find a weapon that would be more helpful to her.

Soon, Liu Yan's gaze stopped on a B-grade weapon.

[Ink-green Staff Sword ]

[Grade: B]

[Effects: Can be used as a magic staff or as a rapier. Attack +150, Spell Effect +30%, Casting Speed +30%]

[Equipment Special Effect: When using a healing spell, it can trigger an AOE effect. Number of uses: 5/5 (restores once every 5 hours)]

Seeing the ink-green staff sword's effect, Liu Yan's eyes lit up.

First of all, it could be used as both a staff and a rapier, which was undoubtedly very suitable for Chu Long. Most of the time, she would stand at the back and cast spells. Under special circumstances, she could use the weapon as a rapier to protect her life.

As for the effects, they were also pretty good. In extreme cases, especially its special effects, the weapon was simply a perfect match for Chu Long.

"I'll take this one!" Liu Yan immediately decided on it and handed over the exchange coupon. In a short while, he received the ink-green staff sword.

Its entire body was like some kind of green crystal and was incomparably light. It gave off a cool feeling in his hand. It looked like a magic staff, but it could also be brandished and used as a rapier.

Liu Yan played with it for a while, and a satisfied expression appeared on his face. This ink-green staff sword could greatly increase Chu Long's strength.

"Come, Chu Long, this ink-green staff sword will belong to you from now on. Take good care of it and use it to bring out its effects," As Liu Yan spoke, he directly handed it over to Chu Long.

#### **Chapter 47: The Intrepid Murong Xue**

"Huh? Isn't this too precious? You'd better exchange a weapon for yourself to increase your strength," Chu Long looked at Liu Yan in surprise. She had not expected him to just give her this B-grade weapon.

One had to know that the highest grade of equipment that Chu Long had ever seen so far was only C-grade, and even that was extremely precious.

Most of the time, even D-grade equipment was rare. Normally, it was already very good for a cultivator to have a piece of E-grade equipment, which was quite enough to raise one's strength a lot.

To think he was not giving her a B-grade weapon directly?

A B-grade weapon was so precious it would at least cost over a hundred million Federation dollars.

What Chu Long did not know was that Liu Yan already had a B-grade and an A-grade weapon. Both weapons were much stronger than the ink-green staff sword.

"It's fine. This is for you. I don't need anything for the time being. There's no need to decline, what with our relationship. Just accept it," Liu Yan said calmly.

Chu Long was a little hesitant. The main reason was that this was too precious. However, she had known Liu Yan for many years and she knew that he was not one that would pretend to be courteous. Since he said that he wanted to give it to her, his true intentions were as such.

After hesitating for a while, Chu Long nodded and accepted it. She said with a face full of promise, "Big brother Liu Yan, don't worry. With this ink-green staff sword, my strength will improve a lot. I will definitely be of use to you!"

“Okay, good luck,” Liu Yan smiled and patted Chu Long’s small head. Then, he left the weapon exchange counter with her.

“What should we do next? We are almost done with the preparations and the time is almost up. Should we go to the field now?” Chu Long followed behind Liu Yan and asked.

“There is still one more important thing that is indispensable,” Liu Yan said with a smile.

“What else is there?” Chu Long’s face was full of curiosity. After thinking for a while, she still could not think of what else was missing. They had prepared everything and were not lacking at all.

Liu Yan did not say anything. Instead, he brought Chu Long to the Lighthouse Academy’s library.

“What are we doing here?” Chu Long asked curiously. At this moment of life and death, a trip to the library seemed useless. Any book would not be of any use at this point.

Liu Yan simply smiled and brought Chu Long to the counter. He then grabbed Chu Long’s hand.

Feeling her small hands being grabbed and feeling the heat of Liu Yan’s palm, Chu Long’s face instantly flushed. She didn’t understand why he would suddenly grab her hand here and now.

Liu Yan, on the other hand, had a serious look on his face. He took the smart wristband from Chu Long’s wrist and put it on the counter together with his own, then he said, “Hi, I’d like to buy information about the fierce beasts on level three of the Tower.”

The staff took the wristbands and nodded slightly, “Okay, please wait for a moment.”

As he said that, the staff took the wristbands and left to handle the request.

Only then did Liu Yan explain to Chu Long, “Have you forgotten? The information about the fierce beasts that our smart wristband gives us is only that of the low-level fierce beasts on levels one and two. From level three onwards, the information about the fierce beasts has to be purchased by ourselves. Only by knowing the habitat, attributes, skills, and other information of the fierce beasts can we know the enemy well. Only then can our adventure on level three be much smoother. “...”

Hearing this, Chu Long instantly recalled that it was indeed such. She had forgotten about this matter previously, and it seemed that Liu Yan had not.

Otherwise, if they only discovered that they did not have any information on level three’s fierce beasts after they had entered level three, they would be in a lot of trouble. They would be like blind men in the face of the various kinds of fierce beasts since they wouldn’t have known anything about the fierce beasts at all.

Very soon, the staff member returned and handed back the two wristbands, “The information has been entered. One set of information costs 10,000 federation dollars, and the sum has been deducted.”

“Okay,” Liu Yan nodded and left with Chu Long.

Everything was ready and the time was almost up. Liu Yan hurriedly brought Chu Long to the field.

At this time, many people had already gathered on the field. Almost all the Awakened had arrived.

The principal was standing on the stage. He looked at the time and waited. Once the time arrived, level three would be opened on time. Those who couldn't make it could only miss it.

At this moment, Murong Xue, who was in the crowd, was walking in a daze, looking for the figures of Liu Yan and Chu Long.

However, there were too many Awakened present, so there was simply no way to find them.

It wasn't a good idea to continue looking like this, so she directly went up the stage.

When the principal saw her coming up the stage, he immediately went up to her with a cautious look on his face, and asked in a low voice, "Miss Murong, is there anything else I can help you with? There are so many students here, after all, so it would be bad if you directly came up the stage? It would make me lose face."

Murong Xue simply ignored him and went straight to the microphone.

The many Awakened below looked over curiously when they saw Murong Xue suddenly go up on stage, wondering what she was up to.

Chu Long, who was in the corner of the crowd, also saw this scene. She hurriedly pulled Liu Yan and pointed at the stage, saying, "Big brother Liu Yan, look, isn't that big sister Murong Xue? Why did she suddenly go up on stage?"

Liu Yan looked over and saw Murong Xue looking around. He immediately guessed her purpose. His expression darkened as he said speechlessly, "This girl is really intrepid. To think she went straight on stage to look for us."

"She went on stage to look for us?" Chu Long was stunned. She hadn't come to her senses and did not understand Liu Yan's meaning.

Meanwhile, Murong Xue, who was on stage, looked around but still did not see Liu Yan and Chu Long. There were too many people at the scene and she simply could not see clearly.

She then grabbed the microphone and shouted, "Hey, hey, hey, Liu Yan and Chu Long, where are you? I can't find you guys. Hurry up and meet me on the stage. Come on!"

The Awakened below the stage who were wondering what Murong Xue was going to do on the stage were all stunned when they saw this.

"Damn, Murong Xue went on the stage to look for her teammates? Isn't this too intrepid?"

"I'm also looking for my teammate, but even if I had ten guts, I still wouldn't dare to go up on stage and just snatch the principal's microphone."

"As expected of Miss Murong, she's really intrepid!"

"Amazing, amazing, I really admire Miss Murong!"

"..."



In a corner of the crowd, when Chu Long heard Murong Xue's shouts, she finally came to her sense, "So Murong Xue went up on stage just to look for us?!"

Chu Long had a silly look on her face, it was obvious that she had just reacted.

Liu Yan was also a little speechless, but he had no choice but to pull Chu Long up to the stage to meet up with Murong Xue.

Otherwise, if he allowed her to continue to shout like this, although Liu Yan wasn't afraid of the embarrassment, the principal at the side would probably lose all his face.

When Liu Yan and Murong Xue arrived on stage, Murong Xue immediately looked over and said with a face full of pleasant surprise, "I've finally found you two, it's been a while since I've been looking for you!"

She clearly looked like a Goddess, but she was not embarrassed to do all these actions at all. She had such a valiant personality.

Liu Yan was quite speechless. He nodded slightly and said, "Alright, we've already met up, so hurry up and follow me down. Don't delay the principal and the others' matters."

As he said this, Liu Yan hurriedly brought Murong Xue down from the stage.

When the principal who was feeling very awkward saw this, he immediately heaved a sigh of relief. He looked at Liu Yan with a face full of gratitude.

If Murong Xue were to continue to stay on stage, the principal didn't know what to do.

The principal did not have the guts to chase her off. He knew Murong Xue's temper and simply could not afford to offend her.

But if he did not chase her off, it would be very embarrassing for him in front of so many students and teachers.

#### **Chapter 48: The Impulsive Murong Xue**

The Awakened on the field laughed when they saw this scene.

"I'm dying of laughter. Murong Xue's personality is too valiant."

"She's indeed very beautiful, but she's also too valiant!"

"Did you see the principal's expression? His face was full of discomfort, hahaha!"

"Murong Xue really teamed up with Liu Yan? For these two top-notch experts to have teamed up, they should be invincible!"

"To have such a Goddess teammate, it must feel good!"

"I actually feel that having a teammate like Liu Yan would be more reliable. I'd feel completely safe."

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At this moment, when the principal saw that Murong Xue was finally brought down the stage by Liu Yan, he heaved a sigh of relief, tidied up his appearance, and walked forward once again.

“Awakened, the time is about to arrive. I wish all of you success in clearing level three and surviving! We are entering the last ten minutes to count down. Everyone, please get ready. We will open level three on time. All the Awakened are to enter level three, the Taiji Basin, according to their teams!”

When the Awakened heard that there were only ten minutes left, they made their final preparations.

Those who couldn't find their teammates found all sorts of ways to di sim while the teams that had already gathered were making their final tactical arrangements.

As for Liu Yan, he simply stood there quietly, waiting for level three to be opened.

It was the first time Murong Xue and Chu Long had met, but the two quickly got along and chatted with each other.

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From time to time, they even sneaked glances at Liu Yan while they chatted.

Liu Yan slightly frowned. It couldn't be that they were speaking ill of him behind his back, right?

Soon, the time arrived.

The huge teleportation array was activated, and the teams of Awakened entered one after another.

Liu Yan and the other two entered the teleportation array together as well.

After a wave of dizziness, they appeared on level three of the Tower.

Level three was the Taiji Basin, and not far away, they could see a huge lake.

The surroundings were surrounded by mountains.

At the same time, teams of Awakened continuously appeared beside Liu Yan and the other two.

Some of the Awakened were from the Lighthouse Academy, while some of them looked unfamiliar, obviously from the other Towers.

At a glance, there were many people. The number of people here was many times more than when they were in the Lighthouse Academy.

Obviously, after entering level three, many Towers had merged again. All the Awakened were gathered in the same Tower.

At the same time, a card that seemed to be made of both jade and metal appeared in the hands of Liu Yan and the other two. The card was as big as a palm but as light as a feather, which was truly strange.

Liu Yan touched it. There was a cool sensation, and on his card was a big 'yin' word. Obviously, this was a yin card.

Liu Yan then looked at Chu Long and Murong Xue. They had both gotten yin cards as well.

The Awakened in the surroundings seemed to also have all obtained yin cards.

The other Awakened also noticed this and started to discuss it among themselves.

“All of us gave gotten yin cards, so there is no possibility of snatching the other card from each other, which means there is no conflict of interest.”

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“Then why don’t we form a large team together? With so many of us working together, wouldn’t it be much safer?”

“That’s right, that’s a good idea. After we obtain the yang cards, we can distribute them according to strength, from strongest to weakest. This way, we can maximize our survival and enter level four.”

“I’m in. Who else wants to join?”

For a moment, many of the Awakened came to a consensus. They planned to form a large team and work together.

Seeing this, Chu Long could not help but be tempted. She asked in a low voice, “Big brother Liu Yan, should we join? Although they are weaker, they have more people. It should be safer to move together, right?”

Liu Yan shook his head.

Firstly, he knew very well how strong he was and was very confident in his strength. There was no need for him to join such a team.

Secondly, forming a team with many people might not be a good idea. If they encountered a large number of powerful fierce beasts, it would instead be even more dangerous.

After all, the weak Awakened would not be of much help to Liu Yan. Instead, they would be a burden to him.

Liu Yan himself was extremely powerful, and it was not a problem for him to face most of the fierce beasts. Even if he occasionally encountered a fierce beast that was too powerful, with only two others with him, it would be more convenient for him to move and it would be easier for them to retreat.

Lastly, the distribution of benefits after forming a team was also a problem. The Awakened who were stronger would be given priority in obtaining the yang cards, but what about the weaker ones? Could it be that they would not have to chance to obtain a yang card and were just waiting to be eliminated in the end?

Liu Yan did not believe that they could obtain enough yang cards in the end after forming such a large team. If that was plausible, level three of the Tower would be too simple.

Only the weak would want to huddle together to survive. The experts would choose to increase their strength and act alone.

“There’s no need for that. The three of us will do,” Liu Yan said as he stood up and left.

Seeing this, Chu long naturally listened to Liu Yan and followed behind him.

Murong Xue was lazy to bother with so many people and did not want to team up with them at all. As such, she also followed Liu Yan.

The three of them left the crowd of Awakened and stopped under a relatively quiet giant tree.

Liu Yan used Spirit Vision and Beast's Sense of Smell to check the surroundings. There were no fierce beasts or danger, so he was relieved.

"There's no danger in this area for the time being. Let's have a small meeting here to discuss our plan of action before moving out," Liu Yan said directly.

Although he was confident in his strength, it was still dangerous. He was used to being careful to ensure safety. He couldn't be arrogant just because he was strong.

"Okay, let's discuss the plan of action before moving out. Only then will there be no mistakes," Chu Long nodded in agreement.

Murong Xue, who was standing at the side, had a look of disdain on her face as she said, "Liu Yan, you're so powerful, so why are you so cowardly? Why don't we just go and fight the beasts? Sooner or later, the yang cards will drop."

Liu Yan frowned slightly as he looked at Murong Xue. He was a little displeased. She was quite strong, but she was really impulsive and self-righteous. She did things without thinking. It would be difficult for her to survive and challenge the Tower with such a character.

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Liu Yan firmly believed that there was bound to be someone better than himself. No matter how strong one was, there would always be someone stronger.

Moreover, they were now discussing the action plan as a small plan, yet this was Murong Xue's attitude.

Liu Yan's face immediately fell. He said unhappily, "Since you're so good at fighting and you want to fight so much, then please go do so by yourself. But you have to leave your card in my hands. I can't let you just bring it away with you!"

Seeing this, Chu long quickly went up to persuade Murong Xue, "Big sister Murong Xue, please listen to big brother Liu Yan. We should act together. It's always good to be careful."

Murong Xue shook off Chu Long's hand and said, "Sure, I'll leave my yin card to you. I'll go and fight the beasts and gather both yin and yang cards. You guys can just sit here and wait. It's enough for me to fight the beasts alone!"

With that, she handed over her yin card and left, looking for fierce beasts alone.

#### **Chapter 49: Meticulous Thinking**

"Hey, big sister Murong Xue!" Seeing this, Chu Long hurriedly tried to pull Murong Xue back, but the latter had already walked into the distance in just a few steps. She could not catch up at all.

Turning around, she saw that Liu Yan was standing on the spot and was doing nothing to stop Murong Xue.

Chu Long was a little puzzled, "Won't she be in danger by herself like this?"

Liu Yan didn't care too much. He said lightly, "She choose to do so alone. Besides, she's quite strong, so she should be able to escape from danger. Don't worry about her."

Hearing this, Chu Long thought about it and found it indeed such. Murong Xue was so powerful, so even if she encountered a fierce beast that she couldn't beat, it should be easy for her to escape.

The other teams around started to move out.

Liu Yan was not in a hurry. He released the ice and fire two-headed wolf and arranged for it to scout the map.

Then, he brought Chu Long and set off in the opposite direction, moving forward carefully.

Along the way, they encountered some fierce beasts. They did not make a move but took detours.

Relying on Spirit Vision and Beast's Sense of Smell, Liu Yan could easily discover the fierce beasts and the other Awakened in advance.

Before the other parties could discover them, Liu Yan had already led Chu Long on a detour around them.

Along the way, Chu Long's pretty face was filled with surprise. Following Liu Yan and making many turns, they had actually cleverly avoided all the fierce beasts and Awakened.

The sounds of battles between the Awakened and fierce beasts could often be heard. Yet, Liu Yan could lead her to a distance that was just right that the other parties would not discover them at all.

Although Chu Long hadn't experienced many things and was quite naive, she wasn't stupid. On the contrary, she was extremely smart. With this, she immediately guessed that Liu Yan had some kind of investigation method, which was why he was able to dodge the others so skillfully.

After roughly investigating the place for a while, Liu Yan then brought Chu Long back to their original spot.

The ice and fire two-headed wolf who had been faster than them were back after following Liu Yan's instructions to scout the place.

When Chu Long saw the ice and fire two-headed wolf, she instinctively retreated in fear because the ice and fire two-headed wolf simply looked too powerful.

It was at least three to four meters tall, and it was incomparably huge. It had two heads, one ice-blue and one fiery-red, which made it look extremely strange.

Seeing this, Liu Yan smiled as he consoled, "Chu Long, it's fine. This ice and fire two-headed wolf is a fierce beast that I subdued. I've signed a contract with it, so not only will it not harm you, but it will even protect you."

“A fierce beast you subdued? Signed a contract?” Hearing this, Chu Long was extremely surprised.

According to the previous information she had learned, Chu Long knew that the Awakened could subdue fierce beasts. By signing contracts, fierce beasts would fight for the Awakened and become the pet of the Awakened.

However, the information had also clearly stated that the required level for one to do so was very high, and one could only perform this after completing the class transition.

If one’s level was low, only a very small portion of Awakened with specific talents could do it.

Chu Long did not expect that Liu Yan had already subdued a fierce beast in the first two levels and even signed a contract with it.

Moreover, this ice and fire two-headed wolf looked extremely powerful. It seemed to be much stronger than the bosses that she had encountered in the first two levels.

At this moment, Liu Yan was not in the mood to care about Chu Long. He took out a pen and paper from his interspatial ring and drew a map based on the information that he and the wolf had found.

Level three was called the Taiji Basin, and the terrain was just as expected.

The surroundings were mountains that formed a vague circle.

At the center of the basin were two huge lakes that were distributed symmetrically.

There was also a huge mountain range in the middle that was somewhat S-shaped. The terrain of the entire basin looked like a Taiji diagram, which was why it was named the Taiji Basin.

In both the yin and yang regions, there were tunnels where many fierce beasts were.

Seeing Liu Yan drawing a map, Chu Long asked, full of surprise, “Liu Yan, is this the map of the Taisin Basin? How did you know?”

“I found out from the investigation with it today,” Liu Yan pointed at the ice and fire two-headed wolf that was not far away.

Chu Long looked at Liu Yan in surprise. She had been wondering why he had led her around to investigate today but had avoided all the fierce beasts and Awakened.

Now, she finally understood that he was scouting.

Liu Yan continued, “Now that we know the map, we can plan our next move. Sit down and I’ll tell you.”

“Okay!” Chu Long had an obedient look on her face. She quickly sat to the side and looked at the map seriously.

Liu Yan drew a route on the map while explaining it to Chu Long.

“We’ll walk along this waterway during the day. This way, on one hand, we can maintain our physical strength, on the other hand, we can avoid meeting other teams.”

“In the Taiji Basin, not only are the fierce beast extremely dangerous, but the Awakened are also extremely dangerous. There is a time limit, after all. In the end, only the Awakened who have both the yin and yang cards would be considered to have succeeded in clearing the level. Only then can they leave level three of the Tower and enter level four.”

“As for at night, we will have to leave the lake. The fierce beasts will likely come out to search for water then. It is fine if we encounter any beasts during the day because we can fight them, and if we can't beat them, we can just run. But at night, we need to rest too, so the further the better.”

“Look, according to this route, our movement path will spread across both the yin and yang regions. We'll only need about three days to collect the yin and yang cards, and then we will be able to safely pass level three of the Tower.”

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Chu Long looked at Liu Yan with admiration. She did not expect that in such a short time, in less than half a day, not only had he finished exploring the map, but he had also drawn up such a perfect plan of action.

She could not find any problems with the overall route of action. Not only could they collect the yin and yang cards as soon as possible, but they could also leave level three of the Tower with this.

Moreover, during this process, their safety was ensured to the maximum, and the possible occurrence of danger was minimized.

Liu Yan was powerful but not self-righteous, modest and cautious, and his thinking was incomparably meticulous.

At this time, Chu long finally understood why Liu Yan could become the number one in the reputation ranking and break the historical record.

In addition to his good luck and powerful strength, there was also his meticulous thinking as well as his humble and hard-working mentality.

Seeing that Chu Long did not speak but was instead staring at him with a face full of infatuation, Liu Yan immediately found it strange. He patted Chu Long's head and said unhappily, “I'm asking you a question. What are you thinking about? Why aren't you saying anything?”

Chu Long came back to her senses and her pretty face blushed. She hurriedly said, “Um, I think the route you've drawn is perfect. There's no problem at all. Let's just follow this route!”

“There's no such thing as a perfect route. As long as it's enough, we should be fine. If we encounter any problems along the way, we can just make adjustments,” Liu Yan smiled and said.

At this moment, there was a commotion not far away.

Liu Yan frowned slightly and looked over. What he saw was Murong Xue who was soaked in blood. She was dragging a huge lizard-like fierce beast over.

Murong Xue's snow-white skin was stained with blood. Under the contrast of the red blood and her fair skin, she looked extremely domineering.

## Chapter 50: This Brat is Easy to Bully

When Chu Long saw the bloodstains on Murong Xue's body, she immediately walked forward with a worried expression and said with concern, "Big sister Murong Xue, are you injured? Let me heal you."

Murong Xue waved her hand, her long red hair fluttering in the wind. She said with a confident expression, "How could this fire-lizard hurt me? The blood on me is all from it."

Then, Murong Xue looked at Liu Yan with a smug expression, "Liu Yan, look at this. Isn't this just easy?"

As Murong Xue said this, she threw a card at Liu Yan.

Liu Yan took it and looked at it. It was a yin card.

Although they already had yin cards so this was useless to them, it was still quite impressive for her to be able to get a yin card so quickly.

Murong Xue seemed eager to take credit as she smiled and said, "Although it's not a yang card, look at how quickly I've gotten one. Tomorrow, I'll deal with some other fierce beasts, and wouldn't it just be easy to obtain the yang cards? It's as easy as ABC, really. Level three isn't that difficult. You two don't even need to make a move. I can finish it by myself. The two of you can just lie down and wait!"

Chu Long came over. When she saw the new yin card, she immediately looked at Murong Xue with admiration.

Liu Yan, on the other hand, did not have a smile on his face. He looked at Murong Xue with a strange expression and said indifferently, "Didn't you realize that you were being followed?"

With his Spirit Vision and Beast's Sense of Smell, Liu Yan had long detected that two human auras were sneakily following behind Murong Xue. Since these people were acting with such sneakiness, they clearly had ill intentions.

Hearing this, Murong Xue immediately had a strange look on her face. She quickly turned around and looked. There was no movement in the quiet forest.

"Someone is following me? Why didn't I notice anything?" Murong Xue asked suspiciously.

Liu Yan did not have the time to explain it to Murong Xue. Instead, he directly said to the air, "The two of you, we only have yin cards in our hands. You should be the Awakened in the vicinity, so yin cards should be useless to you. There's nothing here for you to snatch, so it's better if you leave as soon as possible."

Although he could sense from the perception of Spirit Vision that the two's strength wasn't that great from their auras and that he didn't need to be afraid at all, if it wasn't necessary, Liu Yan still didn't want to make a move against the other Awakened. After all, all of them were humans.

Therefore, he spoke out to exhort them, hoping that they would just leave.

When Murong Xue heard Liu Yan's words, she immediately looked at the quiet forest behind her with a doubtful expression.

At this moment, two figures walked out from the bushes.



They were two young men with tattoos on them. One of them was skinny, while the other was rather strong. Both of them were bald. Judging from their auras, it was obvious that they were not people like Liu Yan who had entered the Tower from the academy.

The two young men looked at each other. The skinny figure looked at the stronger-looking man beside him with a fawning expression and said with a smile, "Big brother Hai, this brat is really naive. To think he would think that there's nothing to snatch since they only have yin cards. Haha, he's rather stupid!"

The stronger-looking youth also said with a smile, "Shouhou, you have to be understanding. These people seem to have come from the Academy and have never entered society. How would they know the laws of survival? Look at us. Even though we came out from prison and did not have the novice equipment given by the Federation at the start, while also only having average talent, which makes our starting point quite low, we were able to survive to level three and are still able to grow in strength because we know the laws of survival!"

Hearing this, Liu Yan looked at the two young men in surprise.

From what they had said, he knew that the two seemed to have come from prison.

When Chu Long heard this, she asked with some puzzlement, "Can people from prison enter the Tower too?"

Being born into the Murong Family, Murong Xue was quite familiar with this, so she explained, "At present, humans are struggling to survive. To find as many experts as possible, those in the prison will enter the Tower as well. If they die, it will just be a death sentence for them. However, if they survive and grow, they will become part of the human race's combat power. For those in prison, this is a new lease of life, so it's mutually beneficial on both sides."

"However..." Murong Xue frowned slightly and said, "I've heard that those who enter the Tower from prisons don't usually follow the rules. Usually, just to survive in the lower levels of the Tower, they would attack the other human Awakened and step on the corpses of others to advance. Although the Federation knows this, they don't care too much about it. It can be considered a tacit agreement. After all, this is a world where the strong prey on the weak, and the weak deserve to be trampled under the feet of experts."

"That's right!" The young man called big brother Hai licked his lips and said with a smile, "The number of Awakened who died under our hands in the first two levels were even more than the fierce beasts that we killed. But so what? We have indeed grown, and we're quite strong now. The world of the Tower is not restricted by the Federation's laws. It is a world where the strong prey on the weak!"

As he said this, big brother Hai looked at Murong Xue's goddess-like face and curvy figure. He could not help but lick his lips again.

He then looked at Chu Long. She was also extremely good-looking, a typical cute loli who was pure and innocent.

Shouhou who was at the side could not shift his gaze away either. He said with a face full of lust, "Big brother Hai, we've only played with a few girls on level one, and didn't have the chance to do so on level two. This time, we can finally have fun again. There are even two, it's too comfortable!"

Big brother Hai gave him a kick and scolded, "How many times have I told you? In the Tower, strength and survival are the most important. If we survive, we'll have plenty of women to play with. There are no rules in the Tower, so we can play with any woman we meet. What's the rush? We have to first deal with the other party properly. Then, we can have fun slowly. Don't let your sperm get to your head!"

"Yes, yes, yes, big brother Hai is right!" Shouhou nodded repeatedly.

Big brother Hai then looked at Liu Yan and the other two and analyzed their strength.

The woman they had been following seemed to be quite strong but was probably not that strong either. After all, those who came from the Academy were usually not ruthless enough, so their combat strength was just average.

The little Loli behind had a decent weapon, so she should be quite strong, though probably just average.

As for the only young man in the other party, he only had a weapon on his waist that seemed very of a very low grade, so his strength was definitely not that great. He was probably just a pushover that they could teach a lesson first.

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After confirming that their opponent's strength was not that great, big brother Hai immediately felt relieved. He directly said to Murong Xue and Chu Long, "Young misses, watch us teach this brat a lesson. Watch carefully. I advise you to obediently hand over the cards in your hands and let us have a good night of fun. If you let us have a good time together with you, I will let the two of you go. Otherwise, you will end up like this kid."

With that, big brother Hai waved his hand and rushed toward Liu Yan together with Shouhou.

They felt that Liu Yan was easier to bully and planned to get rid of him first so that the remaining two pretty girls could see their strength and now that it was best not to resist and obediently submit to them.